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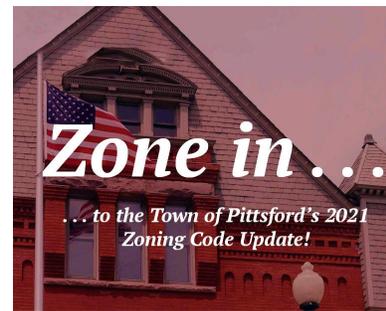
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Town of Pittsford - a Clean Energy
Community

*See listings below for
Upcoming Activities, Town Board Meetings & Community Meetings*

ZONING CODE UPDATE TOWN BOARD MEETING TODAY AT NOON

The Pittsford Town Board conducts regular meetings to discuss the Town's Zoning Code Update; the next meeting is today - Wednesday, September 22 - at noon. To comply with the State's most recent Open Meetings Law, these meetings have moved from Zoom to in person. Meetings will take place at Pittsford Town Hall, lower level meeting room, 11 South Main Street. All meetings are held at noon and are open to the public. Please note current CDC guidelines will be followed.



Comments for each meeting may be submitted in advance via mail or email, and may be submitted during each meeting either in person or via email. All meetings will be recorded and live-streamed via the Town website. Click the following link for [information about how to submit comments and view the meetings](#). Meeting viewing and commenting information can be found on the Town website at www.townofpittsford.org/calendar as well. Complete information about the Zoning Code Update, and a meeting schedule with viewing information, can also be found at www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate.

The Zoning Update meetings are tentatively scheduled for the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at noon, through the end of 2021. Please note dates and times are subject to change; check www.townofpittsford.org for the most current updates.

To learn more about the Zoning Code Update, and find links to the Town's Comprehensive Plan, Active Transportation Plan, current Zoning Code, and other informational materials, visit our Zoning Code Update website at www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate.

A Message from Supervisor Bill Smith:

A SUCCESSFUL FOOD TRUCK & MUSIC FEST!

Thanks to all who came out this past Saturday to enjoy our Food Truck and Music Fest on Main Street. We had a great variety of food trucks, fun activities for families and



all of our musical performances were outstanding! We were very happy to expand the event this year to include the Pittsford Youth Services Duck Drop and a rowing exhibition by Pittsford Crew. Judging from the crowds at both events you were glad to see them too. The Pittsford Art Walk was another wonderful addition to this year's festival. Such a variety of things to see and do – what a great way to bring our community together!

Many thanks to Historic Pittsford for helping us celebrate the Greenprint's 25th anniversary at the festival. Their very knowledgeable and committed volunteers were at our Greenprint 25 booth with a wealth of information about the Town's Greenprint Plan and its impact on preserving agriculture, and our open spaces, in Pittsford. The volunteers made it fun too, with a wonderful quiz card game about the Greenprint. They also helped us launch the Town's self-guided tour of the farms preserved by the Greenprint, handing out our Greenprint 25 tour passports. You can find more information - including an online interactive tour map - at www.townofpittsford.org/greenprint25.

Finally, I am so grateful for the exceptional work and extraordinary effort by our Town Recreation staff team. They put together a first-class event in uniquely trying times. Because of uncertainties related to the pandemic, they had less than four months to organize and confirm an exhaustive series of plans and details that usually would require a year's time of work. Well done all!

JOIN US FOR TOWN HISTORIAN OFFICE OPEN HOUSE IS THIS SATURDAY, 9/25

The Pittsford Town Historian office has moved to the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center. You're invited to visit the Historian office, located in Room 114, this Saturday, September 25 between 10:00am–12:00pm to see the new space and to learn more about our historian services. Town Historian Audrey Johnson and Deputy Town Historian Vicki Masters Profitt will be on hand with exhibits showcasing Pittsford's history. Light refreshments will be served. The Community Center is located at 35 Lincoln Avenue. We look forward to seeing you!



CELEBRATE THE ASIAN HARVEST MOON FESTIVAL AT THE LIBRARY THIS SATURDAY

Join us at the Pittsford Community Library this Saturday, September 25 from 1:30 - 4:00pm to learn about the Moon Festival, a holiday that is observed in many countries in Asia. We will learn about the traditions of this festival, see performances celebrating the holiday, and learn how to make several traditional Chinese crafts. Held in the Fisher Meeting Room, the program is free and open to the public but registration required.

[Register online via the Library Program Calendar](http://www.townofpittsford.org/home-library) or visit www.townofpittsford.org/home-library and use the Library Program Registration link. Per the CDC and Monroe County Health Department, masks are strongly recommended and encouraged in the Library, regardless of vaccination status. The Pittsford Community Library is located at 24 State Street.

PITTSFORD CEMETERY TOUR WITH TOWN HISTORIANS OCTOBER 3

Join Town and Village of Pittsford Historian Audrey Johnson and Deputy Historian Vicki Masters Profitt on a guided walking tour of the Pioneer Burying Ground on Sunday, October 3 from 2:00 - 4:00pm. Learn about the lives of Pittsford's early pioneers Colonel Caleb Hopkins, Glover Perrin, and many more! The program is free and suitable for ages 10 and up; [participants may register online](#) or in person at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, 35 Lincoln Avenue. The cemetery is located at 210 Mendon Road, on the corner of Mendon Road (Route 64) and South Main Street in Pittsford. Registration is required.



For details about all of our Recreation programs, pick up a program brochure at the Spiegel Pittsford Community Center, access our [program brochure online](#), or visit our [online Recreation registration page](#).



NATIVE SPECIES POLLINATOR GARDEN AT NATURE PRESERVE IS THRIVING!

Our Native Species Pollinator Garden and Tiny Food Forest at the Erie Canal Nature Preserve is thriving! Created this past spring and comprised only of native plants, flowers and trees, the garden is providing food and shelter for a variety of bees, butterflies, birds and other pollinators, as well as local wildlife. Plantings include redbud trees, ferns, elderberry, butterfly weed, and an array of native flowers. Take a stroll through the garden's path to get an up close view! The Erie Canal Nature Preserve is located along the Erie Canal Towpath trail – a short walk from the Monroe Avenue Bridge or west from the North Main Street Bridge. See a [map and information here](#).

REMINDERS

CHAMBER STATE OF PITTSFORD ADDRESS IS SEPTEMBER 30

The Pittsford Chamber of Commerce will host a [State of Pittsford address](#) by Town Supervisor Bill Smith, Village Mayor Alyssa Plummer and Pittsford Schools Superintendent Mike Pero on Thursday, September 30 at The Highlands of Pittsford Hahnemann Club (301 Stoutenburgh Lane). Supervisor Smith, Mayor Plummer and Superintendent Pero will inform attendees of progress made in over the past year and provide insight about upcoming initiatives.

The event begins with a continental breakfast at 7:45am followed by presentations beginning promptly at 8:00am and Q&A at 8:50am. Cost is free and includes breakfast. Registration is required and space is limited. For more information and to register, and to request American Sign Language interpretation if needed during the meeting, contact Lisa Schwingle at info@pittsfordchamber.org or (585) 902-2297, or visit www.pittsfordchamber.org.

SCHOOL TAXES DUE IN FULL BY OCTOBER 1

Full payments of school taxes for Town of Pittsford residents are due by Friday, October 1. Please include your stub and phone number with your payment. Consistent with our practice since the onset of the pandemic, the Town will continue to encourage payments by mail or by secure mail slots which are located at both the front and back of the Pittsford Town Hall, 11 South Main Street. Full payments may also be made online via a link from the Town's website to the Monroe County website, using Visa and MasterCard only; there will be a 3% fee to use this online payment service. To pay online, click [HERE](#).

On-time first installments may be paid at Canandaigua National Bank, 18 State Street, in Pittsford Village. Canandaigua National Bank will continue to accept full payments only from September 16 through October 1.

Second and third installment payments cannot be accepted at Town Hall. Second and third installments will only be accepted at the Monroe County Office of the Treasury (39 West Main Street, Monroe County Office Building) and made payable to: Monroe County Treasurer; they are not payable at Town Hall. Full payments with 2% interest will be accepted from October 2 - October 31 and these payments can be mailed or placed in the secure mail slot at Pittsford Town Hall. If you need assistance in that calculation, please contact the tax office directly at 585-248-6215 for the correct amount due.

Please Note: **We strongly discourage paying your tax bill via Electronic Checking/Online bill pay system.** If paying your bill with an online bill pay system, please be aware that your bank still mails us a paper check without a USPS postmark and it may take as long as two weeks to reach our office. Therefore, we cannot consider your payment received until we physically receive the payment in our office. **We do not recommend sending payment in this manner.**

TOWN BOARD MEETINGS ARE STREAMING LIVE

Pittsford Town Board meetings are being streamed live; the feed is accessible on any device. Town Board is typically held the first and third Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm at Town Hall. See www.townofpittsford.org/calendar for meeting dates. To view the livestream, click the [Town Board Meeting live streaming link](#) when the meeting begins. This link can also be found on page two of the meeting agenda. The meeting agenda is posted on the Town's [minutes and agendas page](#) at least two days prior to the meeting. Please note: if you try to log in too early (before the meeting feed is live) you will see an error message; refresh your screen just prior to or at 6:00pm when the board meeting starts and you will be able to view the meeting. As always, ASL interpretation is provided for every Town Board meeting.

ASL INTERPRETER ALWAYS AVAILABLE AT TOWN BOARD MEETINGS

The Town of Pittsford has an American Sign Language interpreter available at every Pittsford Town Board meeting, to interpret for those who need this service. Those who can't attend a Town Board meeting in person but are planning to watch the meeting's live stream can confirm their need for the interpreter by emailing comments@townofpittsford.org. Requests can be made in advance or can be emailed through the first ten minutes of the meeting. An on-demand Town Board meeting video with closed captioning will be available within 48 hours of the meeting; visit www.townofpittsford.org/channel12 and use the On-Demand links to view previously recorded meetings.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES IN PITTSFORD

- **Pittsford Chamber of Commerce State of Pittsford Address**, Thursday, 9/30, continental breakfast at 7:45am followed by presentations at 8:00am, Q&A at 8:50am, The Highlands of Pittsford Hahnemann Club, 301 Stoutenburgh Lane; free and open to the public but registration required, for more information and to register, and to request American Sign Language interpretation if needed during the meeting, contact Lisa Schwingle at info@pittsfordchamber.org or (585) 902-2297.
- **[Town of Pittsford Zoning Code Update](#)** – comments made by Town of Pittsford stakeholders via email and mail being accepted; access the Comprehensive Plan, the Active Transportation Plan, the project timeline, a link to the Town's current Zoning Code, and other informational materials, on the **Zoning Code Update website** at www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate. Comments can be made to zoningupdate@townofpittsford.org or mailed to Doug DeRue, Town of Pittsford, 11 South Main Street, Pittsford, NY 14534; please indicate whether you are a Town or Village resident.

TOWN OF PITTSFORD BOARD MEETINGS

- **[Zoning Code Update Town Board meeting](#)**, Wednesday, 9/22, Town Hall lower level meeting room, 11 South Main Street. Meetings will be live-streamed and recorded; comments can be submitted in advance (mail or email) or at the meeting (email or in person). Find [meeting schedule and comment/viewing info here](#); find complete Zoning Code Update information at www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate. Find complete Zoning Code Update information at www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate.
- **Design Review & Historic Preservation Board**, Thursday, 9/23, 6:00pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street, current CDC guidelines will be followed; the meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here: www.townofpittsford.org/minutes
- **Planning Board**, Monday 9/27, 6:30pm, Public Meeting Room, Town Hall (lower level), 11 South Main Street, current CDC guidelines will be followed; the meeting agenda is posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the Town website here: www.townofpittsford.org/minutes
- **[Town Board Zoning Code Update meetings](#)** – the Zoning Update meetings are tentatively scheduled for the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at noon, through the end of 2021. Find updated meeting listings at www.townofpittsford.org/calendar and find complete Zoning Update information at www.townofpittsford.org/zoningupdate.

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- [Village Board of Trustees](#) meeting, Tuesday, 9/28, 6:30pm; more information and participation details will be listed on the Village website [here](#) as the meeting date approaches
- **Supervisor Saturday with Bill Smith** - join the conversation with Town Supervisor Bill Smith at this casual open house, topics of discussion based upon attendee interest; Saturday, 10/2, 9:00 - 10:00am, Fisher Meeting Room (first floor), Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street. Current COVID-19 health guidelines will be followed.
- [American Legion Rayson-Miller Post 899](#) Tuesday morning breakfast and socializing, every Tuesday, 8:00-10:00am, Post 899, Pittsford Village Hall lower level, 21 North Main Street; open to all – meet and socialize with veterans; no charge but donations accepted. Eligible veterans welcome to join the Post; click this link for [membership information](#) or visit the [Rayson-Miller Post website](#)
- [Pittsford Rotary Club](#), Wednesdays (weekly), 7:00am, Pittsford Community Library, 24 State Street
- [Pittsford Art Group](#) conducts monthly member meetings featuring a guest artist; new members are welcome! The PAG also hosts juried and non-juried shows and displays artwork at various locations throughout Pittsford. For further information or to become a member, please visit www.pittsfordartgroup.com and fill out a [Contact Us](#) form.

COVID-19 Closure Updates

On June 15, 2021, Governor Cuomo announced that COVID-19 restrictions are lifted immediately as 70 percent of New Yorkers aged 18 or older have received the first dose of their COVID-19 vaccination series. The State's health guidance and New York Forward industry specific guidelines—including social gathering limits, capacity restrictions, social distancing, cleaning and disinfection, health screening, and contact information for tracing—are now optional for retail, food services, offices, gyms and fitness centers, amusement and family entertainment, hair salons, barber shops and personal care services, among other commercial settings.

On August 2, 2021, Monroe County was designated as a County with a “substantial” COVID infection. Consequently, the CDC now recommends that people, regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask indoors. This is a recommendation, not a mandate. The guidelines are unclear at this point, as is the situation. Neither the State, the County or the Town has imposed a mask *requirement* at this stage. pp

Unvaccinated individuals continue to be responsible for wearing masks, in accordance with federal CDC guidance. Consistent with the State's implementation of the recent CDC guidance, masks are still required for unvaccinated individuals. For information on the vaccine, on getting the vaccine, regional vaccination data and more visit the [Finger Lakes COVID-19 Vaccine Hub](#).

Monroe County Services at Town facilities:

The County has suspended until further notice Passport Services at Town Hall and Mobile DMV service at Pittsford Town Court. Find updated information for Monroe County DMV here <https://www2.monroecounty.gov/clerk-COVID-19>.

Further information and updates can be found at www.townofpittsford.org/covid-19info.

COVID-19 Coronavirus Information Links

Further Town of Pittsford COVID-19 coronavirus information and updates can be found at www.townofpittsford.org/covid-19info.

[Pittsford Central School District COVID-19 Coronavirus Updates](#)

You can find information on COVID-19 coronavirus at the County Health Department's website: <https://www2.monroecounty.gov/health-index.php>.

Additional information about business closure requirements throughout Monroe County can be found on the County's Website: www.monroecounty.gov

The CDC also has information on its website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/share-facts-stop-fear.html>.

In addition, the CDC has information relevant to anyone planning to travel outside of the United States: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html?deliveryName=USCDC_2067-DM20785.

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